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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51; *Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 07-135; *Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92; *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90; *High Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337; *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 11, 2012, I spoke with Angie Kronenberg, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn, via telephone. In this conversation I discussed the Petition for Clarification/Reconsideration that Frontier filed with Windstream,¹ particularly the aspect of the *Petition* that asked the Commission to reconsider its decision to require broadband deployment to one location per \$775 in CAF Phase I support. Specifically, Frontier noted its support for a recent Windstream proposal that would allow carriers additional flexibility to meet the Commission's CAF Phase I goals.² Frontier noted that allowing the increased flexibility that Windstream proposes would allow those carriers with very high-cost unserved areas to deploy broadband infrastructure in line with the Commission's broadband goals, creating better broadband for rural America.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b), this letter is being filed electronically with your office today.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Smith".

¹ See Petition for Reconsideration and/or Clarification filed by Frontier Communications Corp. and Windstream Communications, Inc. ("*Petition*"), WC Docket 10-90, et al., at 21-29 (filed Dec. 29, 2011).

² See Letter from Jennie B. Chandra, Windstream Communications, to Marlene H. Dortch, Federal Communications Commission, WC Dkt. 10-90 et al. (filed Mar. 21, 2012).

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